

# Friends of the Woodford Library Vocational Scholarship Instruction Sheet—2026

## Instructions

**Background:** The economy of today and tomorrow will require able-bodied and well-trained workforce that includes not only college-educated professionals but millions more who choose to cave out productive and well-paid careers from alternative education and skills training programs and trade programs.

The Friends of the Library has given scholarships to college-bound students for many years. We have realized that other types of training and certificate programs after high school also require tuition or fees.

So, for the first time, the Friends of Woodford County Library (Versailles and Midway) is offering a \$1,000 non-college scholarship to one (1) graduating senior from Woodford County High School (WCHS) at its awards ceremony this spring. Any questions about the scholarship or the application can be directed to William Robbins or Emily Grimes. A scholarship application form is available from the WCHS (Student Hub) website.

**Eligibility:** Any Woodford County resident who is a graduating senior and has been accepted or plans to be enrolled in one of these fee-based programs is encouraged to apply:

- 1) a short-term certificate
- 2) a bona fide job skills training program
- 3) a technical or jobs training community college program.

**Submitting Applications:** Applications may be handwritten or typed and emailed or mailed to counselor Emily Grimes or registrar Amy Tucker and postmarked by April 1, 2026. You can apply online through the WCHS website.

The deadline for submitting the completed application form online is: April 1, 2026. The winner will be publicly announced at the WCHS Awards ceremony in May.

**Selection Process:** The selection committee of the Friends of the Woodford County Library Board of Directors will review all completed applications submitted by the deadline. The recipients will be notified of their selection during the week of April 27th.

*The Friends of the Woodford County Library does not discriminate against any person for any reason, including, but not limited to, the following: disability, race, color, religion, national origin, or gender.*

## **Friends of the Woodford Library Vocational Scholarship Application 2026**

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Address:**

**Non-Traditional Certificate/Program/Trade School:** How do you plan to prepare for your future career? For example, are you planning to go to trade school, study for a certificate, or get training in a specific field? (There are many other options not listed here.)

**Goals or future plans:** What kind of work will you be able to do with this training? What made you choose this career?

**Meaningful activities:** Have you been involved in any classes, clubs or sports that helped you decide what career to train for? How did those help you make your decision?

**Involvement and/or usage of the Woodford County Library** (Versailles or Midway Branch): Have you used either the Main or Midway Public library to find out more about your chosen field? Have you used either of the libraries for any other reason?

**Value of Scholarship:** How would receiving this scholarship make a difference in your getting additional education, skills or training to prepare you for your career goal?